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My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am Glad to Meet you here, when I can say, Our Affairs are in a better Posture both by Sea and Land, than when We parted last.

The Enemy has not been in a Condition to Oppose Our Fleet in these Seas, and Our sending so great a Force into the *Mediterranean*, has Disappointed their Designs, and leaves us a Prospect of further Success.

With Respect to the War by Land, I think I may say, That this Year a Stop has been put to the Progress of the *French* Arms.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have had so much Experience of your good Affection to Me, and of your Zeal for the Publick,

that I cannot Doubt of your Aſſiſtance at this time; I do therefore earneſtly Recommend to you, to Provide ſuch Supplies as may Enable Me to Proſecute the War with Vigour; which is the only means to Procure Peace to Chriſtendom, with the Safety and Honour of *England*.

I muſt likewiſe put you in mind that the Act of Tunnage and poundage Expires at *Chriſtmas*; and I hope you will think fit to Continue that Revenue to the Crown, which is the more Neceſſary at this time, in regard the ſeveral Branches of the Revenue are under great Anticipations, for Extraordinary Expences of the War, and Subject to many Demands upon other Accounts.

I cannot but Mention to you again, the Debt for the Tranſport Ships imployed in the Reducing of *Ireland*, which is a Caſe of Compaſſion, and deſerves Relief.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I ſhould be Glad you would take into your Conſideration the Preparing ſome good Bill for the Encouragement of Our Seamen: You cannot but be Senſible, how much a Law of this Nature would tend to the Advancement of Trade, and of the Naval Strength of the Kingdom, which is Our Great Intereſt, and ought to be Our Principal Care.

FINIS.